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TITLE OF INVENTION: CONVEYANCE APPARATUS FOR USE WITH CARRIAGES

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ATTENTION: DO/US

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. Section 371:

This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. Section 371(f)).  
The U.S. National Fee (U.S.C. Section 371(c)(1)), as indicated below:

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	Total of above Calculations				= \$1,170.00 *
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable Affidavit must be filed (note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				- \$0.00
	Subtotal				\$1,170.00
	Total National Fee				\$1,170.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (See Item below). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".				\$ 40.00
TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed				\$1,210.00

A check in the amount of \$1,210.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

\* The filing fee is calculated based upon the amended claims as indicated in the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

3. A "FILE COPY" of application, containing 39 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims, 1 page of Abstract and 15 pages of formal drawings.

4. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (see Publication No. WO 01/74639 A1).

5. A verified translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith.

6. An oath or declaration, including power of attorney, of the inventors (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. Section 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration is attached to application.

7. An international Search Report or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith (see Publication No. WO 01/74639 A1).

8. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98 will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c).

9. An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording. A separate FORM PTO-1595 is also attached. Please mail the recorded assignment document to the person whose signature and address appears below.

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10. Additional documents:

Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)  
International Publication No. WO 01/74639 A1 (Specification, claims and drawings)  
Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. Section 1.121) with REPLACEMENT PAGES

11. The above checked items are being transmitted after publication and the article 20 communication, but before 20 months from the priority date.

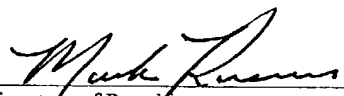
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